This is an openly-compiled list of names that anyone (e.g. not just a programmer) should be able to enter into their system and confirm they don't throw errors (either at input or downstream).

This was inspired by Patrick McKenzie's [Falsehoods Programmers Believe About Names](#) (+ [examples](#) of each) and [this Twitter thread](#) (also [this one](#)) ([USPS yikes](#)).

This list is being compiled for a New America project on unemployment benefits but seems widely applicable! ==Please suggest names representative of variants you see missing.==

- First name "Kathy" but legal name "Kathryn"
- Phan Thị Kim Phúc [given name Kim Phúc]
- Adam Carolla (no middle name)
- George Raymond Richard Martin [multiple "middle" names OR multiple first names OR multiple last names]
- [Nyambi Nyambi](#) [same first and last name]
- Patrick McKenzie, KŠthe Kollwitz [mixed capitalization]
- Naruhito [full legal name is a [mononym](#)]
- Adolph Blaine Charles David Earl Frederick Gerald Hubert Irvin John Kenneth Lloyd Martin Nero Oliver Paul Quincy Randolph Sherman Thomas Uncas Victor William Xerxes Yancy Zeus Wolfeschlegelsteinhausenbergerdorffwelchevoralternwarengewissenhaftschaferswessenschafewarenwohlgepfleg eundsorgfaltigkeitbeschutzenvonangreifendurchihrraubgierigfeindewelchevoralternzwolftausendjahresvorandieers cheinenvanderersteerdemenschderraumschiffgebrauchlichtalsseinursprungvonkraftgestartseinlangefahrthinzwisc hensternartigraumaufdersuchenachdiesternwelchegehabtbewohnbarplanetenkreisedrehensichundwohinderneura ssevonverstandigmenschlichkeitkonntefortpflanzenundsicherfreuenanlebenslanglichfreudeundruhemitnichteinfurc htvorangreifenvonandererintelligentgeschopfsvonhinzwischensternartigraum Sr. ([source](#))
- Emily Powers (who was Matthew Powers last year on her employment records; we need to successfully match her to her prior records, but not deadname her today)
- Amit Pauo (who legally changed his name from Rohan Waque, the name still on his birth certificate)
- Veronica Do [2-character last name]
- Cédric O [1-character last name] ([source](#))
- D J Katz, ST Richards [single-character or 2-character 1st or middle names]
- Last names with suffixes (Jr., III, etc.)
- Abe Shinzō [family names first, given name last] ([source](#))
- Tim O'Reilly [apostrophe in name]
- Maya Al-Khouja, Emily Wright-Moore [Hyphenated last names]
- Mary-Jo Kline [Hyphenated first names]
- Alex Acuña, Zoë Kravitz, Jesús Colón [names with accent marks]
- Bjørn Lomborg, 王 [names with "special" characters from non-English alphabets]
- Bryan Test, Avery Blank, Christopher Null, NaNcy [names with common placeholders or programming keywords] ([source](#))
- Jennifer 8 Lee [middle name is a number] ([source](#))
- John Graham-Cumming [names with forbidden strings] ([source](#))
- Juan Jose Chavez Fernandez (Hispanic people frequently have two first names and two last names. Mostly not hyphenated, and frequently not middle names.) ([source](#))

- Maria Rosa Sierra Rodriguez (Maria is a frequent first name, so the user will often be Rosa Sierra or Rosa Sierra Rodriguez)
- Chang Je-won (Korean names traditionally start with the surname (Chang) and have a two-part given name (sometimes hyphenated, sometimes not.) Could be Americanized to Je Won Chang - the given name has two parts.) ([Source](#)) Or only the first part of the given name is written out and treating the second part of the first name as a middle initial (Je W Chang)
- Mohammad, Muhommad, Mohamed
- Beezow Doo-doo Zopittybop-bop-bop ([Source](#))

The list is missing examples in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, etc…